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The Honourable Barbara Romaine retired from the Court of King's Bench of Alberta on July 3, 2025, following nearly 28 years of distinguished service as a Justice. Ms. Romaine holds a B.A. (1971) and LL.B. (1974) from the University of Alberta and was called to the Alberta Bar in 1975. Before her judicial appointment in 1997, she was a partner at McCarthy Tétrault's Calgary office, specializing in national and international project development, financing, and securities law. She served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta from 1990 to 1997, including as President in 1997. While a Justice, Ms. Romaine was frequently assigned to commercial insolvency and complex commercial matters and was a member of the Court's Commercial Practice Group, serving as Co-chair until 2016. She was a faculty member and a panelist for National Judicial Institute seminars, focusing on corporate and commercial law and remedies, commercial insolvency and judgment writing.

She co-edited the Annual Review of Insolvency Law (2012–2018) with Professor Janis Sarra and served on its Editorial Advisory Board until 2023. She was a member of the board of the International Insolvency Institute until 2022. She was an International Judicial Affiliate member of the US National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and is currently a member of IN-SOL International, the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation, the International Exchange of Experience on Insolvency Law, and the Bowen Group. She has contributed as a panelist to numerous international programs and conferences for the international associations to which she belongs.

As a member of the Bowen Group, Ms. Romaine co-authored two Oxford Press books: *Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Insolvency* and *Financial Institutions in Distress*.

Ms. Romaine received the Canadian Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award (2019) for achieving professional excellence, providing leadership and making significant contributions to the Canadian insolvency community.

Ms. Romaine currently offers arbitration, mediation, and early neutral evaluation services. She is a member of the ADR Institute of Canada and the ADR Institute of Alberta.